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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Appln. No.: 10/668,503

Filed: September 24, 2003

For: **ASSEMBLY OF HOLLOW TORQUE
TRANSMITTING SUCKER RODS
AND SEALING NIPPLE WITH
IMPROVED SEAL AND FLUID FLOW**

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Group Art Unit: 3679

May 10, 2005

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The undersigned, Warren E. Olsen, is attorney of record and specifically has been empowered to act on behalf of the petitioner.

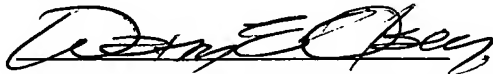
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Respectfully submitted,

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